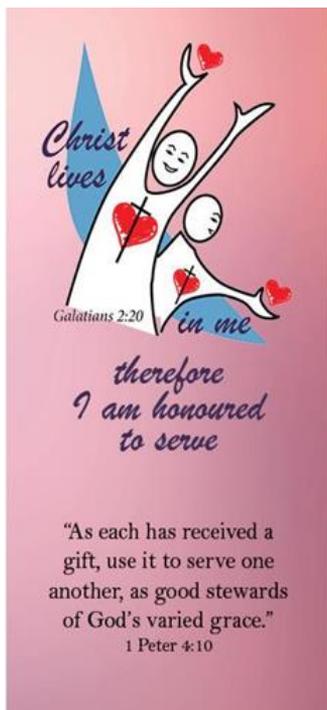


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



The Baptism of our Lord

LWMLC Sunday

January 9, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O God above, You were well pleased with your Son, Jesus. May You be well pleased with us, as well, O Father, as we live as Your baptized and beloved children. Help us to follow Your will in all things and to be filled with Your forgiveness and salvation.

O Father in heaven, speak to us in love from above.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Revelation Song; Forever; How Deep the Father’s Love for Us;
 This I Believe; Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 43:1-7

EPISTLE LESSON:Romans 6:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 3:15-22

SERMON: *Hand in Hand With Our Lord* – Isaiah 43:1-7

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the godness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY as our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
 Ushers.....Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene
 Acolyte..... Eliza Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	PPC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth Sledding
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday
December 31	13/13	
January 2	71/64	16

* Attendance numbers include online participants

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital)

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00**
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,935.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$5,935.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$8,173.08	-\$ 2,238.08

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Sunday School 5.00; Parking Revenue 200.00; LWML 50.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ Fund 160.00; Other 200.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2022 is adopted.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Rentz in loving memory of her husband, David, who passed away 13 years ago.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today we will study "The Chosen King." Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.

OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING to adopt the budget for 2022 on **Saturday, January 29th**. We will provide the information as soon as it is available.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Facing Rejection" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How does one deal with rejection? Push through it? Rise above it? Or start over? (Luke 3:1-22) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca



A **NEW FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar. We thank Joan Copeland for the work she has been doing in providing flowers on the altar.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWML-CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod – are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.



PLEASE START USING YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

We know that many of our members are now using e-transfer for offerings, but for those using envelopes we remind you that some numbers may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

We are blessed that our members have been so supportive, especially in these strange days. Your gifts enable us to carry on the mission and ministry.

How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** - we are not to worry about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT RESCHEDULED: The church family board games night scheduled for January 14 is being moved to a date that will be announced later. **YOUTH:** we are planning to go sledding on the 14th instead - watch your email for more info!

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Phough Mayavuth is the Pastor of Garuna Christian Church and a teacher at the Garuna Christian School in Pre Vey, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Mayavuth asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.



CHURCH DIRECORY: Has there been a change to your contact information – email, phone, cell, mailing address? If so, please advise us at office@foothillslutheran.com so that a new member phone directory can be compiled.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PICKED UP YOUR 2022 ENVELOPES, they are still available on the table in the narthex. We appreciate your attention to this.

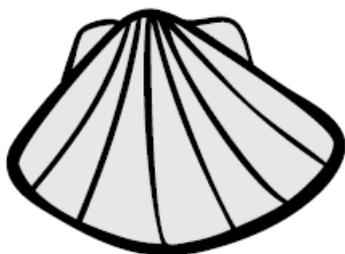
WHY READ THE BIBLE DAILY? When you are away from home, don't you long for the voice of those you love? We know how important it is to share with family and friends daily (look at the way people use Facebook and other social media!) The Bible is God's Word. It is how He speaks to us. We hear His voice, and stay in contact through prayer. Read your Bible! Let God speak to you! We have a variety of reading plans to help you go through the Scriptures. We'll put some on the welcome desk or speak to the pastors to get a copy.

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is "The Baptism of Our Lord"?

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus was baptized by John the Baptizer. That's right, Jesus was baptized just like you!

Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus' Baptism is very important. When Jesus was baptized, it marked the beginning of His mission to save the world from sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. As Scripture says, Jesus' Baptism was one of the many things He did to "fulfill all righteousness." Because of Jesus and all He has done for us, our Baptism is now a source of forgiveness, life and salvation.



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to approach the baptismal font in the sanctuary. Remind them that this is where our life in Jesus begins. Because of God's gifts in Baptism, we have been washed clean, and now we are His children.





Growing FAITH at home

EPIPHANY
SUNDAY

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a memorable trip you were part of.

2

Wise men travelled from the far east to visit the child Jesus, guided by a star. What can you remember about their adventure?

3

The wise men brought special gifts to give to Jesus. What gifts would you have taken?



Devotions



All Saints Day Bible Readings

S	Matthew 2:1-12	The visit of the Wise Men
M	1 Kings 10:1-13	The queen of Sheba visits Solomon
T	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to your light
W	Matthew 2:13-18	The escape to Egypt
T	Matthew 2:19-23	The return to Nazareth
F	John 19:38-42	Nicodemus brings myrrh
S	Psalms 72	Kings will present him gifts
S	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptised

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, like the star that guided the wise men to you, guide us to worship you each and every day. Amen.

BLESSING

May God lead you to see and worship Jesus. May he fill you with great joy.

come to worship Jesus
the King.

Creative Response

The wise men were guided by a star in their search for Jesus, the newborn King.

As Christians, we are "stars" God uses to point other people to Jesus (see Philippians 2:15-16).

Cut out star shapes from yellow or gold paper. Write onto these different ways you can "shine" for Jesus before others. Attach these stars to the ceiling of your home. Pray together that God may use you to draw others to know and worship Jesus as their King.



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, you light our path and make
bright our days; receive our gifts of thanks and
praise. Amen.

verse for the week

They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

MATTHEW 2:11

Service



A bright star guided the wise men to the home of Jesus. Bake star-shaped cookies to give away as gifts to children in your church or local community.

